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SUBJECT: DIET DELIBERATIONS RESUME

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SUMMARY: AFTER DRIEF BOYCOTT BY SOME OPPOSITION PARTIES,
EXTENDED DIET SESSION HAS BEGUN DELIBERATIONS WHICH WILL
FOCUS MAINLY ON CONTROVERSIAL JAPAN-ROK CONTINENTAL SHELF
LEGISLATION. END SUMMARY.

1. ALTHOUGH DIET SESSION WAS EXTENDED BY ONE MONTH ON
MAY 17 (REFTEL), DELIBERATIONS DID NOT BEGIN UNTIL MAY 23
BECAUSE OF BOYCOTT BY COMMUNISTS, SOCIALISTS AND CLEAN
GOVERNMENT PARTIES, ALL OF WHICH HAD OPPOSED EXTENSION.
ACCORDING TO LDP DIET STAFFERS, LDP WAS AT PAINS TO PER-
SUADE BOYCOTTING PARTIES TO END THEIR WALKOUT, RATHER THAN
GENERATE CHARGES OF DICTATORIAL RULE BY CONVENING SESSIONS

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WITHOUT THEM. EAGERNESS TO QUESTION GOJ ON ITS INTENTIONS
RE OPENING NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINA ON PEACE AND FRIEND-
SHIP TREATY ALSO APPEARS TO HAVE MOTIVATED BOYCOTTING
PARTIES TO ATTEND SESSIONS.

2. WHILE PROSPECT OF CHINA TREATY TALKS HAS AND WILL
CONTINUE TO ATTRACT ATTENTION AND STIR DEBATE IN BOTH

HOUSES OF DIET, ONLY MAJOR LEGISLATIVE ITEM ON
AGENDA IS BILL IMPLEMENTING JAPAN-ROK AGREEMENT ON JOINT
DEVELOPMENT OF CONTINENTAL SHELF. BILL IS STILL BEFORE
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE OF UPPER HOUSE, WHERE
OPPOSITION PARTIES ARE SEIZING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO DELAY
DELIBERATIONS. MANSFIELD

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